

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An inspection apparatus (100) comprising:

a central processing unit (1);

at least one digital audiovisual device (2) configured to make an audiovisual recording;

a clock (3) configured to provide temporal information;

a watermark (4) configured to embed the temporal information provided by said clock (3) in ~~the~~ a data stream coming from said audiovisual device (2) such that a moment in time at which the audiovisual recording is made by said digital audiovisual device is authenticated; and

a compact, portable, and secure casing, positionable at a required height and inclination, containing therein said central processing unit (1), said digital audiovisual device (2), said clock (3), and said watermark (4).

2. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said audiovisual device (2) is a camera.

3. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said audiovisual device (2) is a video camera.

4. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said audiovisual device (2) is a sound recorder.

5. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a device (5) for measuring the geographic position of the apparatus as geographic information,

wherein said watermark (4) is configured to embed the geographic information provided by said geographic position measuring device (5) in a data stream coming from the audiovisual device (2).

6. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein said geographic position measuring device (5) is a receiver forming part of the GPS system.

7. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a distance measuring device.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a thermal probe.

9. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an inclinometer.

10. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an electronic compass.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

at least one connector (10) configured to attach to an external source of secure data.

12. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an electric accumulator.

13. (currently amended) A method of preparing an inspection report, said method comprising:

producing a data stream with at least one digital audiovisual device comprised in a portable, secure casing;

embedding a temporal information provided by a clock comprised in the secure casing in said data stream;

recording the data stream in a memory device as data; and

extracting the data ~~stream~~ out of the casing using a secure method so that the moment at which an audiovisual recording was made is authenticated.

14. (currently amended) A method of enabling a certified inspection to be made at a desired location of a territory, said method comprising:

distributing portable inspection apparatuses over the territory, said inspection apparatuses each comprising an audiovisual device and means for authenticating ~~the a~~ a moment in time when an audiovisual recording was made;

providing a first person with ~~such an~~ at least one of the inspection ~~apparatus~~ apparatuses, said first person triggering the audiovisual device at the desired location to cause the audiovisual device and means for authenticating of the at least one apparatus to record data; and

extracting the data from the at least one apparatus and transmitting the data ~~recorded by the apparatus~~ to a second person responsible for commissioning ~~for~~ the certified inspection via a secure channel.

15. (currently amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein each of the inspection apparatuses further comprise means for authenticating the location where an audiovisual recording was made.

16. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said casing further comprises a connector (9) for positioning the casing at the required height and inclination and configured to be attached to a stand.

17. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said casing is rigid and robust.

18. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said casing is configured to be tamper proof such that a substantial quantity of the components contained therein are destroyed upon an improper opening of said casing.

19. (new) The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a random access memory (6) configured to receive and store the data stream as data;

a logic unit (15) in connection with the random access memory (6); and

a connector (8) in connection with the logic unit (15),

wherein the logic unit (15) is configured to enable an extraction of the data from the random access memory (6) via the connector (8) in accordance with a secure method.

20. (new) The method according to claim 13, further comprising:

securely transmitting the data to an authorized person responsible for commissioning the inspection.

21. (new) The apparatus according to claim 19, wherein the data extracted from the random access memory (6) is configured for transmission to a location remote from the apparatus.

22. (new) The method according to claim 20, wherein the data is securely transmitted to an authorized person at a location remote from the secure casing.